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"What fools these Mortals be!"

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IT 'S NO USE KICKING, HE MUST OBEY HIS BOSS.

A LOVER AND HIS CALENDARS.

THIS CALENDAR Prue sends me for the year,
A pretty, dainty thing, of pink and gold.
Ah, me! If I could read my title clear
To such a year as these gay pages hold!

Each month is girt about with blossoms rare,
Each day looks out from frame of Springtime flowers;
And verses, too, adorn its pages fair,
To show the year 'll have none but happy hours.

Why, such a year it is that Winter-time
Is genial, soft and warm as Summer days;
And Summer days are filled with love and rhyme—
For such a year, Miss Prue, your lover prays.

Yet Prue, my love, still says me nay; and so
Her calendar is but a lover's dream
Of how, with her I love, the year would go,—
A sunny year with fondest love agleam.

In truth, Prue knew she mocked me when she sent
This story of the year, this fairy tale;
For me no tender flowers of sentiment,
No song from slender-throated nightingale.

I want a plainer calendar this year;
One that will not test my heart's endurance.
I 'll choose this one with figures black and drear;
It subtly sings the praises of Insurance.

Insurance—"fire" and "life"—'t is what I need
To save me from the burning of her eyes.
I wonder if their policies give heed
To lovers' "risks"—to lovers' hopes and sighs?

H. L. Wilson.

TEMPORARY TRADE.

DR. PYLLS.—Why, bless me! Pestle, you 're doing an awful big business!

PESTLE *(the druggist)*.—Oh, it 'll only last a week or two? You see almost everybody swears off New Year's, except for medicinal purposes.

THE ORIGIN of the saying "the line must be drawn somewhere" is not definitely known, but suspicion points to Schomburgk.

DUNRAVEN'S CHARGES, like his yacht, were considerably behind their time allowance.

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A SURPRISE SUIT.

SERVANT.—Who shall I say wants to see Mrs. DeStyle?
COUNTRY COUSIN.—Oh! no matter about the name; I want to surprise her.
SERVANT.—Well, I 'm thinkin' ye 'll have no trouble doin' thot!

CUPID'S ALLY.

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Years gone the gallant squires of dames wooed Mistress Bet and Dolly,
Who closer kept enamored flames by help of Fashion's folly.
For then the style was, as you know, in maids each other vying
With ribboned hats whose holding bow gallants must do the tying.

And, later on, in Grandad's days, fair damsels Nance and Prue
Trampled his heart in many ways with her small, dainty shoe.
What was a bow 'neath dimpled chin to this task still more trying—
To fasten right the shoe tapes thin that always were untying?

And now, betimes, the love-lorn beau who constant pays addresses,
Must find the place where puff sleeves go in jacket arm recesses
O Fashion! Fashion! all the while you 're aiding blind Dan Cupid
To his sly smile you add your guile, and men are ever stupid!

Roy L. McCardell.

HER APPETITE STILL GOOD.

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SHE *(after the theatre party)*.— If you will remain just a little longer, I will have some refreshments served.
HE.— Pray, don't bother! You know when man 's in love he has no appetite.
SHE.— Then you can watch me eat.

THE LAWS OF CHANCE.

MUCH MISLEADING information has been foisted upon the public by well-meaning but unobserving scientists in relation to the laws of chance. As an instance of it, let us suppose you are riding in a cable car and you have a dime and a penny in your trousers' pocket.

You propose to hand the dime to the conductor. Your trousers fit snugly, and you have some difficulty in reaching the lower corner of your pocket.

Suppose, finally, you have the pleasure of feeling the edge of a coin between the tip ends of your first and second fingers, and succeed, with great care, in drawing it to the surface. Now, according to some of the theoretical scientists before mentioned, the chances are even that you captured the dime the first time, and avoided the necessity of making a second search for your fare.

The chances, in reality, are about 117 to 1 on your fetching up the penny the first time.

These figures are based on actual experience; not on arithmetical progression or differential calculus or anything of the kind.

This is a small matter, perhaps; but it is very annoying, after doing the thing described 117 times in succession, to read the statement that the chances are even on the dime; and that is why I wish to post the public and warn them not to make any bets based on what is published about the laws of chance by people whose intentions are commendable, but who have become so engrossed in abstruse calculations that they fall into egregious errors by neglecting to take proper account of the bold, glaring facts of practical experience.

F. S. Bailey.

ALL MEN would have of wealth a share
And no one need his lot deplore,
If all would work as hard as men
Who have so much they need no more.

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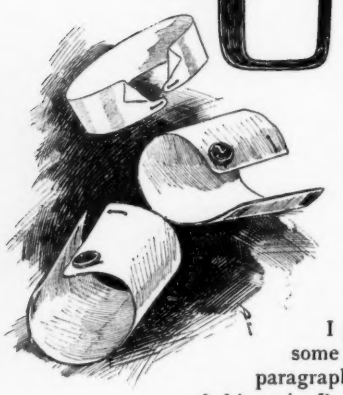
THE EVIL OF RESTRICTED LICENSE.

OLD PARTY *(sadly)*.— My poor man, why do I always find you hanging around this saloon?
BIBULOUS BILL.— I can't help meself, Mister. It 's the only one in town.

THE CELLULOID COLLAR IN BARNESVILLE.



UNDER THE heading of "Local Laconics," which was the first column on the editorial page, under the name of the editor and the motto, "Hew to the Line let the Chips fall Where they May," the *Barnesville Banner* told tersely all happenings of local interest.

The cholera morbus is in our midst.
The farmers are getting in their hay.
Caleb Plummer is painting his house.
Dr. Smithson lost a valuable colt Monday.
Hay Corners complains of smoke-house pilferers.
Charley Perkins returned yesterday from a lengthy sojourn in Pittsburg.

I give this excerpt from one issue of some fifteen years ago, because the last paragraph inaugurated a new era in local fashions in Barnesville.

Charley Perkins brought with him the first celluloid collar ever worn in that peaceful community.

Hitherto the paper collar, which came in a bright red box of pasteboard with eleven of its kind, had been the proper thing for evening dress; but at the advent of Charley and his celluloid substitute the paper collar passed away. The local stores met the demand promptly, and it was not many weeks before every young man in the village, who made any pretensions to fashion, was wearing a celluloid collar.

The paper collars had always been of the "turn down" variety, but the celluloid followed the latest mode, "piccadilly" or "plain high." It was this later style, a broad high brand of dead white, that called forth from Uncle Abner Dodd the remark that they looked on "some of them dudes like a whitewashed fence around a lunatic asylum,"—a pithy similie that has never died.

The next innovation was the celluloid cuff. This latter had many endearing qualities that even its popular forerunner did not possess. It smelled louder, and admitted of the wearing of gorgeous cuff buttons that rattled against the rigid wristband, until Sunday services at the church resolved themselves into assemblies of celluloid castanet players. The bigger the cuff button you wore, the louder you could make them rattle, the higher was your bid for social recognition. There grew up a code of unwritten social laws around the celluloid cuff and collar.

For instance, twenty-five cents was the limited price to pay for a pair of cuffs, and fifteen cents for a collar. Cuff buttons were twenty-five cents, also. And anyone who paid more was looked upon as a spendthrift.

Recipes to prevent the celluloid from cracking prematurely and to eradicate the verdigris caused by collar or cuff buttons at their respective holes, were exchanged as the course of common courtesy. The collars and cuffs, of course, were supposed to be an undetectable substitute for laundried linen. And when, if new, they emitted the pungent odor of camphor to the point of suffocation; or, when old, they had cracked like mosaics, and turned to a greenish yellow, it was considered the height of ill-breeding to notice it. It is true that after a while the more cultured frowned upon the rattle. A small rubber band turned around the button, it was discovered, would prevent this. But, unfortunately, the young men took sides upon the question and a bitter social schism resulted, which tore Barnesville into two factions—the "Rattlers" and the "Mufflers."

The fight was long and deadly. If the Rattlers gave a surprise party, the Mufflers retaliated with a candy pull or amateur theatricals; and so the war waged, though it must be confessed that the "Mufflers" contained the better elements of the Barnesville *jeunesse dorée*. In fact, it has been stated that some of the "Rattlers," while their cuffs were unimpeachable, reverted at times to the paper collar, and had been seen wearing the same at social affairs with self-evident marks of soil and stains removed by the aid of chalk-marks and erasers.

The apotheosis of the celluloid cuff came when Will Dodd saved the fast mail. Will, in taking his girl home from a party one dark night, discovered about a mile down the track from Barnesville (for his sweetheart was a resident of Hay Corners), a huge rock upon the track. In the distance could be heard the rumble of the approaching train. To think was to act with Will. Tearing off his cuffs he applied a match. The cuffs flared, a blazing torch, and the train was stopped. To this display of presence of mind Will owed his subsequent appointment as station agent at Barnesville. He married the girl.

I have been away from the old village many years; but from occasional correspondence I learn that celluloid is still *de rigeur*, that Barnesville is still divided into the "Muffler" and "Rattler" factions, and that careful housewives still save the discarded cuffs and collars, and place them in bureau drawers and trunks to keep away moths.

Roy L. McCardell.

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MORE THAN AIR.

FRIEND *(coming up as unfortunate skater crawls out of the icy waters).*—What 's the matter; did you break into an air-hole?

UNFORTUNATE SKATER *(angrily, through his chattering teeth).*—Air-hole be hanged! Do I look as if I had broken into a hole full of air? Can 't you see that I 'm drenched to the hide?

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HIS DESIRE.

OLD SCHWINDLEBAUM *(to his little son).*—Ikey, oaf some good fairy vas to gif you all der monish you vanted, vot more could you ask vor?

LITTLE IKEY *(after a short season of meditation).*—A leedle more monish, Fadder.

THE ORATOR who has nothing to say should do so briefly.

THE FATE OF A CAST.

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D'AUBER.—By Jove! This plaster-cast from the Parthenon is as rare as it is valuable! I 'm the most fortunate man in the world to get it.

"I 'll just hang it over this door, where it will be safe and show to advantage."

THE JANITRESS (*next morning*).—Och! Misther D'Auber do be a-gettin' av somethin' new. Oi 'll jist take it down an' hov a luk at it.

"Phwat he kin see in a t'ing loike thot Oi don't know. Oi 'll hang it up quick, fer Oi hear him a-comin'.

"There now! He 'll niver know Oi touched it."

D'AUBER.—Good-morning, Bridget! You are a little late this morning.

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HIS THEORY.

HE.—Yo' heah de pahson say dere am to be a collection fo' dem cannibals to get dem offen de practice ob eatin' folks?

SHE.—How am dey gwine to get dem from eatin' folks?

HE.—I dunno; 'cept dey kin send a lot ob chickings an' watermelons out to dem.

SUSPICIOUS.

BROWN (*of the firm of Brown & Jones*).—Why did you countermand your order for those fountain pens?

JONES.—The agent took down my order with a lead pencil.

GETTING EVEN.

"Why did the jury of farmers convict the defendant?—he was clearly innocent."

"Yes; but his trial cost the county nine thousand dollars."

THE JANITRESS (*with dignity*).—Misther D'Auber, Oi 'll lave yez to yersilf. A man as uses profane language hain't fit fer a lady's company.

HIS REASON.

FREDDY.—Won't you buy me some cough-lozenges, Auntie?

AUNTIE.—Why, have you a cough, my dear?

FREDDY.—No, Ma'am; but I 'm going to school, and that 's the only kind of candy you can eat there.

THE DIFFERENCE OF A WORD.

"There 's nothing so bad," the optimist cries,
"But it might be worse;" while the pessimist sighs
And moans and groans, in prose and in verse,
"There 's nothing so bad but it *will* be worse."

NOT ACCURATE.

"So the detectives can't make anything out of that case?"

"Oh, yes; they 're making good money out of it, but they can't find out anything about it."

A BACKSLIDER.

"YOU HAVE been over at Frozen Man, have n't you, Ike?" inquired Colonel Handy Polk, the Oklahoma real estate agent.

"Back from thar this mornin'," answered Alkali Ike.

"H'm! How is Tarantula Jim progressing in his new life as a member of the Methodist Church?"

"From what I 'm learnin' on the subject, I reckon it is a dead safe play to say that pore Jim hain't doin' no good. It looks as if he 's found the straight an' narrer way a mighty rocky road to travel, an' at present he 'pears to be bogged down in a quicksand clear up to the hubs. He confides in me that he trudges along in peace an' harmony for quite a spell, hand in hand with the elect, similar to a good old brother of years' standin', with only an occasional stumble yere an' thar by the way.

"But, bime-bye, he finds himself gittin' hidebound a whole lot, an' jest nacherally sufferin' for relaxation. He horns off the temptation as well as a pore weak human can, an' I reckon he is emergin' all safe an' sound from the slough if it hain't for the fact that, jest about the time that the lariat of faith with which he has roped himself to a pillar of the church, so to speak, is stretched about all it is made to stand, yere comes Whoop Rawson invadin' the settlement with his medicine-bag full of wampum an' his hide fairly crackin' open from six months of monottynous existence in the Panhandle country.

"In the good old days Jim an' Whoop is pards, similar to Damon an' Pythias, an' as soon as they meet up an' begin to rake over the past they start right in to millin' an' knockin' their horns against the sides of the corral, an' it hain't long till they stampede, full an' complete. I reckon thar hain't no sort of relaxation which is good for hidebound folks that they don't tamper with during the week of untrammelled freedom from care that follers; but their smoke is plenty thick, an' the presize details of their doin's is now obscure.

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VIEWS OF AN EXPERT.

DUSTY RHODES.— Dere 's a lot of stuff in dat paper about cheaper transportation.

INDOLENT IVERS.— I don't t'ink dey 'll ever find anyt'ing cheaper dan a freight-train when der conductor don't git onto yer.

"But, tennyrate, they wind up the week with a grand an' glitterin' rallykaboo, durin' which Jim, in shootin' holes in the atmosphere in a general way, plants a slug in the south leg of a capitalist who is in Frozen Man, pesticatin' around about buildin' a big hotel an' opery house, an' otherwise nudgin' the boom along. It is months, likely, since them people began nursin' that thar boom, an' it hain't been able to do more than set up an' take notice till jest yere of late; an' when this yere capitalist departs like a skeered rabbit an' the hotel scheme falls flat, nacheral enough they are plenty infuriated. The church people drag Jim over the coals an' give it to him hot an' heavy for his unholy an' diabollycal doin's. It hain't no manner of use for him to try to slick it over by sayin' that he was shootin' at another man; that would n't bring the capitalist back, an' they excommunicated him and turned him out into the world.

"Wal. upon that, the worldly people whirls in an' holds an indignation meetin', night before last, an' unanimously votes not to receive him. An' so thar pore Tarantula Jim is, neither in nor out. The church won't have him an' neither will the world; an', as he confidentially informs me yesterday, he don't begin to know whur he is at."

Tom P. Morgan.

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THE WORM TURNS.

MRS. SCRAPLEIGH *(during the fight)*.— Now, have I made myself plain?

MR. SCRAPLEIGH.— No; you were born that way?

FUSS AND FEATHERS.

When Delia walked in her new hat
Her soul with pride was stirred;
Her lady friends had told her that
It simply was "a bird!"

SHE KNEW.

HE.—Just think! even three weeks ago I did n't dream that she and I would be engaged.

SHE.— I did; but at that time I was her only confidante.

STILL TIME.

BOBBY.— I had three fights to-day, and I did n't get licked once.

BINGO *(reaching for a strap)*.—Well, my son, the day is not yet over.

NOT A NOVELTY.

SHE.— Did you go to see the pantomime by that French company?

HE.— Well, every play I ever saw by a French company was a pantomime to me.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A TIMELY PLAINT.

VOICING THE FEELINGS OF NUMEROUS RESPECTABLE PERSONS OF MATURE AGE.

LORD, why should I, in middle age,
Be forced to turn to childhood's page —
Hunt up the book in which I found
The knowledge that the earth was round:
Round as an orange or a ball —
(Though oranges are n't round at all,) —
And hunt up lots of places where
There 's not one thing for which I care —
Or else sit glum or silent while
My friends talk politics in style?

I would n't mind if I could look
In that old plain, board-covered book,
That held for boys like you and me,
All of the world's geography,
And made things plain to any fellow,
In maps of blue and green and yellow.
But these new things they print to-day
Are tinted in æsthetic gray;
And all the good old places, too,
Have got a set of names brand-new —
You can't find Nova Zembla now;
And I suppose there 's no Foo-Chow.
And that 's the kind of map that sticks
The man who studies politics.

I found out Bechuana-Land;
But I shall never understand
However it got in a place
Where I remember plain red space.
I 've traced Armenia's every bound,
And find it 's wandered round and round,
And got into a region where
It never was when I had hair.
Even old Venezuela seems
Somehow unlike my earlier dreams;
And where Praetoria may be,
I know not for the life of me.

And I am getting not to care
If anything is anywhere.
I like — especially of late —
To keep myself right up to date;
I like to wag a knowing tongue
Much as I did when I was young;
But modern politics are such
As scatter very much too much.
And what 's a fellow going to do
With all geography made new,
And everything he used to know
Gone somewhere where it should n't go? —

Except the islands in the sea —
Which have to stay just where they be.

A "SILVER PARTY" DEMANDED.

THE MOVEMENT for free silver coinage has been dangerous in this country, principally because it has been carried on from the ranks of both the great political parties. The most cheering report that has come from Washington in many a day is that the Silverites have determined to fight by and for themselves alone in the next campaign. They ought to do this very thing, but we can not believe that they will, because we do not believe they are honest men fighting for a great cause. They are fighting to have their government buy their own especial product at almost twice its market value, and they are far too shrewd to go before the country on such a platform. What favors they have received thus far have been extorted from one or the other of the real parties as a bribe for their political support. Inside the lines of the Democratic and Republican parties they have waged a guerrilla warfare on the best interests of the country. In remaining there lies their only hope of getting any further consideration. In the Senate, to-day, for instance, there are several senators who are deliberately betraying their constituents; they are preaching free silver in behalf of people who have declared most emphatically for sound money. As another instance, the Finance Committee of the Senate is controlled by Silverites — the result of a deal made with Republican leaders. Another bit of evidence is to be found in the pitiful spectacle which the United States presents: a buyer of gold to be sold again at less than its cost. All this is because Democratic and Republican leaders are afraid of alienating the "silver vote." The quicker the "silver vote" alienates itself the better it will be for the country, for the integrity of certain presidential aspirants, and for the Silverites themselves. Only by such a course can the latter prove that they are actuated by real principle. Otherwise they must remain avowed enemies of the public welfare.

BERNHARD GILLAM.

THE DEATH of Bernhard Gillam took from the world of satirical art one of its most capable workers. He combined in a marked degree the qualities most essential to the successful cartoonist,— humor, originality, technique and true artistic feeling. Untimely as was his death it did not come until he had proved himself one of the ablest disciples of the school of political caricature founded by the late Joseph Keppler. Keppler's influence upon his early work was considerable, and it was in the office of PUCK that he won his first honors. Some of PUCK'S strongest cartoons during the first eight years of its life, were Gillam's,— either in inspiration or actual work. Since 1885, when he left PUCK, he has realized quite all that his best wishers hoped for him. His years were all too few, but they were yet enough for him to win a high place among American cartoonists; and to leave with the picture-loving world a keen sense of loss.

A THOUGHT IN THE SENATE.

"I heard Senator Lodge make a speech in the Senate the other day and twist the British lion's tail."

"What did you think about it?"

"I thought: 'Oh, for a Lodge in some vast wilderness'!"

SURE TO KEEP IT.

With good intentions for the year
Most eloquent he waxes,
And he 's resolved for '96
To swear off all his taxes.

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ANOTHER PATRIOT.

CONGRESSMAN BLOODGOOD *(being interviewed).*—This country shall never be trampled upon whilst I have a voice to raise in protest. *War!* WAR!! WAR!!! I say, *WAR!!!!* That 's what we want!

THE REPORTER. — Yes; I shall send your patriotic sentiments broadcast throughout this country. Is it true that you expect to enlarge your canned-meats and army-supplies factory, shortly?

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FORCED TO PEDDLE, THOUGH HE IS RICH.

AND THIS HUMILIATING STATE OF THINGS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL CONGRESS REGAINS ITS REASON AND GIVES HIM A SENSIBLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

SOUND CURRENCY SYSTEM.
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SOUND FINANCIAL POLICY.
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ENGLAND
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RUSSIA
GERMANY
BONDS SOLD FOR GOLD

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IN HEFFERAN'S JUNK SHOP.

MRS. HEFFERAN *(sorting rags)*.— Did yez go t' th' Navy Yar-rd th' day, Phin?

MR. HEFFERAN.— Oi did. D' y' s'pose I got thot gallyvernized anchor in Paradise Par-rk?

MRS. HEFFERAN.— Look 't th' shmartness av him. Phwere did yez pick up this clothes-line?

MR. HEFFERAN.— Oi hitchid th' harse to th' ind thot wor hangin' over a fince phile Oi ate me lunch; an' phwin Oi shtarted, th' line raled aff th' whole linth av it.

MRS. HEFFERAN.— It wor a shem t' retur-rn it.

MR. HEFFERAN.— It wor.

MISS HEFFERAN *(at the back of the shop)*.— Mother!

MRS. HEFFERAN.— Hi oye!

MISS HEFFERAN.—They do be so much dust in this pace of car-rpet me eyes is shmothered.

MRS. HEFFERAN.— Shut thim. D' y' s'pose yure ould man buys his goods from th' Vandybilt manshin?

MR. HEFFERAN.— Beezie has a call t' be goin' back makin' chigareets an' shtuffin' her-rsilf wid nicktine av she doan' like junkin'.

MRS. HEFFERAN.—Thot she has.

TEDDY HEFFERAN.— I found a karfee-pot in th' schrap.

MR. HEFFERAN.— Lave us see it. Sure, thot 's no karfee-pot.

MRS. HEFFERAN.— Pwhat thin?

MR. HEFFERAN.— It 's th' bottom av a t'umpin' iron; d' y' mind th' solder phwere it wor glued an th' wood.

TEDDY HEFFERAN.— Lave us milt it out. It 's wort' double phrice.

MR. HEFFERAN.— Pit it an th' shtove.

MISS HEFFERAN.— Kitty Kincaid gives a pilly-case parthy t'-night, an' Oi 'm goin'.

MRS. HEFFERAN.—Who wid?

MISS HEFFERAN.— Bullet McGuire, th' butcher.

MRS. HEFFERAN.—Tare-an'-'ouns

MISS HEFFERAN.— He 's a daisy!

MRS. HEFFERAN.— It 's th' poor daisy! Yez could grate horsey-radish an th' face av thot pock-marked scaramond.

MISS HEFFERAN.— He 's han'somer than th' man you married, any way!

MR. HEFFERAN.— Me ears is tinglin' wid th' complimint. Phwot 's thot, Teddy?

TEDDY HEFFERAN.— It 's aither th' shoe av a pony 'r wan av thim dudes brass scar-rf-pins. They wear thim thot large now they 's no differench.

MR. HEFFERAN.— Dhrop it in wid thim dure-knobs. It 'll go fer brass, in th' dar-rk.

MRS. HEFFERAN.— Oi belave you picked th' lasht av these rags in Har-rlem. Me neck is bhroke holdin' me nose up.

MR. HEFFERAN.— Oi did not. Oi got thim av—

*(Sp-p-p-sp-*BANG!*)*

TEDDY HEFFERAN *(crawling from under a pile of débris five minutes later)*.— Faather!

A WEAK VOICE FROM THE OPPOSITE CORNER.— P-p-phwat?

TEDDY HEFFERAN.— Is anny wan movin'?

MR. HEFFERAN.—Your mother 's brathin' a bit in me ear. Beezie wint out t'roo th' dure.

TEDDY HEFFERAN.— Faather!

MR. HEFFERAN.— P-pfhwat!

TEDDY HEFFERAN.—Thot karfee-pot wor a—

MR. HEFFERAN.— Bim-shell from th' war-r!!

MRS. HEFFERAN *(almost suffocated, and in the faintest of voices)*. —Shobber gally ag haggolash!

James S. Goodwin.

NECESSITY THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.

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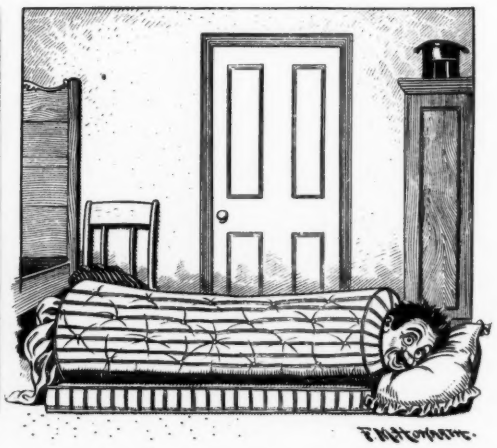
MR. HALL RUME *(between his chattering teeth)*.— By the Great Frozen North! This cold room is something awful. Thermometer down to ten, and nothing but one quilt to cover me! I believe Mrs. Skinner wants to freeze me out.

"Well, if she does, she will be the worst left woman on the face of this globe



"You would n't believe how warm and comfortable a good hair mattrass can be!"

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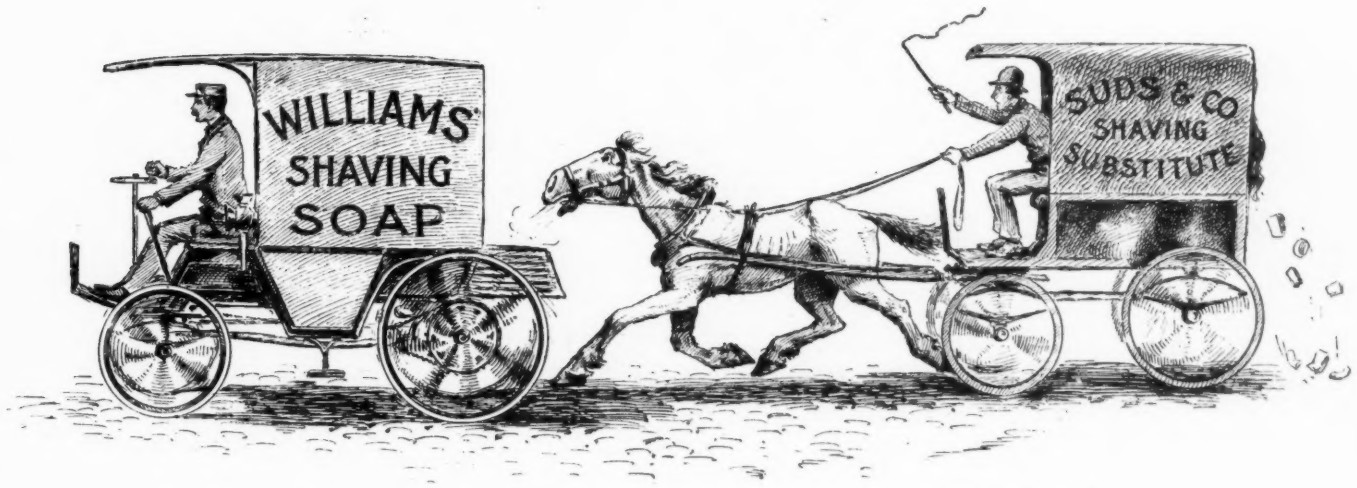

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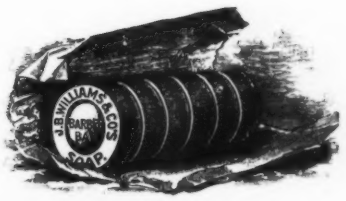

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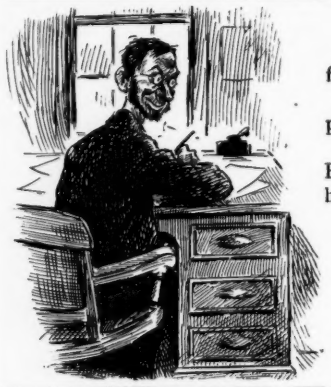

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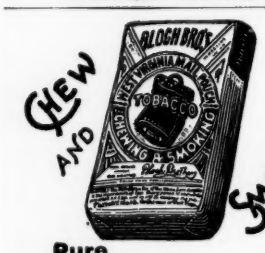

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ASSETS.

Bonds ($102,802,293.27) and Stocks ($4,397,531.25) owned	$107,199,824,52
Bonds and Mortgages, first liens	32,712,480.03
Real Estate	16,008,650.00
Net Premiums in course of collection	4,854,587.95
Cash in Bank and Trust Companies at interest	6,144,943.88
Loans on Policies, and Premium Notes (Reserve charged thereon in Liabilities, $9,300,000)	4,780,867.66
Interest and Rents accrued	1,302,836.50
Loans on Collaterals (Market value of Securities, $2,191,748.00)	1,787,800.00
Total Assets	**$174,791,990.54**

LIABILITIES.

Policy Reserve, per Certificate of New York Insurance Dep't	$147,740,656.00
Additional Policy Reserve voluntarily set aside by the Company,	1,200,000.00
Claims in process of adjustment, Annuities and Endowments not presented	1,356,412.95
Premiums Paid in Advance	137,881.61
Unpaid Dividends not claimed	130,336.74
Policy Trust Funds payable in instalments	188,025.35
Total Liabilities	**$150,753,312.65**
Total Surplus to Policy-holders (per Certificate New York State Insurance Department)	24,038,677.89
Total	**$174,791,990.54**

INCOME—1895.

New Premiums (including Annuities $1,069,934.51)	$6,201,658.49
Renewal Premiums	24,117.092.96
Interest, Rents, etc. (including Trust Fund $31,000.00)	7,573,514.11
Total Income	**$37,892,265.56**

DISBURSEMENTS—1895.

Death-Claims	$8,677,033.24
Endowments	2,072,445.07
Dividends and other payments to policy-holders	6,044,053.63
All other payments — Commissions, Taxes, Salaries, Medical Fees and Advertising	7,869,523.94
Total Disbursements	**$24,663,055.88**
Excess of Income	13,229,209.68
Total	**$37,892,265.56**

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

	Number.	Amount.
Paid-for Policies in Force December 31, 1894,	262,246	$771,837,770
New Paid-for Policies, 1895,	53,943	127,492,555
Old Policies Revived, Increased, etc.,	691	8,507,762
Total	316,880	$907,838,087
Total Terminated in 1895,	39,187	108,810,758
Paid-for Policies in Force December 31, 1895,	277,693	$799,027,329
Gain in 1895,	15,447	$27,189,559
Policies Declined in 1895,	8,254	21,643,883

CERTIFICATE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Albany, January 11th, 1896.

I, JAMES F. PIERCE, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of the City of New York, in the State of New York, is duly authorized to transact the business of Life Insurance in this State.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the provisions of Section Eighty-four of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, I have caused the policy obligations of the said Company, outstanding on the 31st day of December, 1895, to be valued as per the Combined Experience Table of Mortality, at FOUR PER CENT. interest, and I find the net value thereof, on the said 31st day of December, 1895, to be

$147,740,656.00.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, from its Annual Statement for December 31st, 1895, filed in this Department, the NET SURPLUS to policy-holders is shown to be

$24,038,677.89,

on the basis of ADMITTED ASSETS.

$174,791,990.54,

after deducting therefrom the NET RESERVE ($147,740,656.00) as calculated by this Department, and all other Liabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused my official seal to be affixed at the City of Albany, the day and year first above written.

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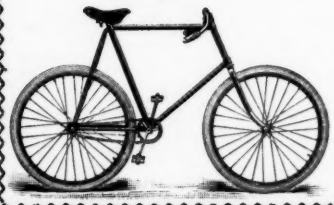

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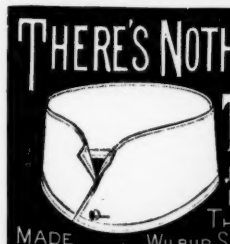

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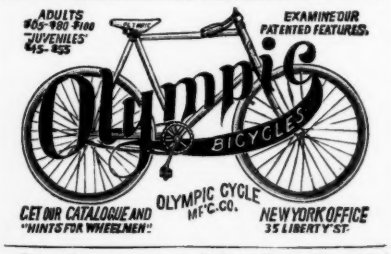

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